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United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Welcoming the appointment of Mr. Hans van Ginkel by the Secretary-General in September 1997 as the fourth Rector of the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University,[2] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations University[3] and the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations University,[4]

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector of the United Nations University in intensifying his interaction with United Nations Headquarters in the context of the development and implementation of a University-wide strategic plan which would help the University determine an overall strategic direction for the future,

Noting also with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector in initiating a self-assessment of the University,

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/53/31).

[2] A/53/408.

[3] See A/53/392.

[4] See A/53/392/Add.1.

1. *Welcomes* the completion of the review of the United Nations University carried out by the Joint Inspection Unit and the internal assessment conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee of the University's governing Council;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken by the Council and the Rector of the United Nations University to promote the work and the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, through such measures as organizing a series of public forums for the purpose of disseminating the results of its research, and requests them to further intensify such efforts;

3. *Requests* the Council and the Rector to continue intensifying their efforts to improve the University's interaction and communication with other bodies of the United Nations system, and to continue their efforts to avoid unnecessary duplication of work within the system;

4. *Also requests* the Council and the Rector to enhance further coordination and complementarity between the University's research and training centres and its programmes;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this connection, to continue his consideration of innovative measures to improve the interaction and communication between the University and other bodies of the United Nations system and to ensure the integration of the work of the University into all relevant activities of the system, taking into account General Assembly resolution 51/187 of 16 December 1996, so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the further participation of the University in the work of the United Nations, and requests him, taking into account resolution 51/187, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the further participation of the University in the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery, as well as through other existing structures and modalities for communication, interaction and synergy;

7. *Requests* the Council and the Rector, taking into account resolution 51/187, to continue to make further efforts to ensure the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the activities of the University, as well as its financial transparency and accountability, and to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to find innovative ways to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

8. *Appeals* to the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, in particular to the Endowment Fund.